

**Amendment to the Specification**

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraph [0089] with the following paragraph. The term "not" has been deleted in line 7 before the term present.

[0089] Figure 7 is a plot of the results of the chemical stability analysis. As shown in Figure 7, after 31 weeks at 5°C, RP-HPLC analysis indicated that the hGH formulations **26** and **27** that contained methionine had lower levels of protein variants as compared to formulations **24** and **25** that did not have methionine. The presence of added methionine did not have any stabilizing effect on hGH liquid formulations prepared earlier without PEG. Unexpectedly, however, it was found that methionine improved the chemical stability of the hGH liquid formulations tested in this Example, in which PEG polymer was present. It is expected that formulations of the present invention could be also combined with other amino acid stabilizers (e.g. histidine, leucine, valine, and asparagine) to further stabilize hGH liquid